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THE LAW OF PERSONAL PROPERTY (5th Ed.). By James Schouler. Matthew Bender & Company, Albany, N. Y., 1917. 977 pp.

This most recent edition, the fifth, of Professor Schouler's work on the law of personal property, is, like the earlier editions, elementary in its character. The scope of the work is so comprehensive, treating as it does of the nature and general remedies of the law relating to the leading classes of personalty, that the author of necessity can deal with principles only, and not with details. Leading cases only are cited, and the reader is frequently referred to the standard works on the special topics for a citation of the mass of decided cases left unmentioned.

In some portions of the new edition, there seems to be an effort made to bring the work down to the present date by annotation of recent cases and by reference to modern legislation. In the chapter on Partnership, however, the author refers to the Uniform Partnership Act, now the law in many states, as follows:

"There is a movement on foot in this country to codify the law of partnership by means of what is known as the Uniform Partnership Act, which may be enacted into law as was the Negotiable Instruments Act."

The chapter on Assignments is an admirable elementary statement of the principles underlying this phase of personal property law, and the chapters on Chattel Mortgages, Money, and Interest and Usury are original in their development and worthy of study. The citations are representative and reliable, and are ample proof of the skill and industry of the author.

Williams's volume on "Personal Property," which has more than seventeen editions, naturally calls for a comparison. In its scope and subject-matter, the English work is a manual for English students in conveyancing. Schouler's work has become the standard text-book on the law of Personal Property for the American law student and practicing lawyer. The latest edition, which, it is interesting to note, was personally edited and prepared by Professor Schouler himself forty-five years after the work was originally published, maintains the high standard of reliability attained by its predecessors.

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THE CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF THE HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, 1817-1917. Published by the Harvard Law School Association, 1918. Pp. x, 412. Price, \$1.50.

Every alumnus of the Harvard Law School will be glad to have a copy of this most interesting volume prepared by members of the Harvard Law School Faculty with the assistance of some of its graduates. The story of the school from its humble beginnings in the Second College House to its present grandeur in Austin Hall, from its feeble academic effort under Parker and Ashman to its nation-wide and, through the friendly channel of Professor Redlich's investigations, world-wide influence under Langdell, Ames, Gray and other masters living and dead, from the effort of Stearns to purchase a complete law library with \$681.74 to the present monumental collection of upwards of a hundred and fifty thousand volumes, cannot fail to be a source of pride and inspiration to all those who have been privileged to participate in